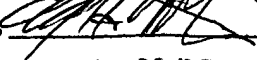


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For: CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION METHODS FOR MAKING POWDERS
AND COATINGS, AND COATINGS MADE USING THESE METHODS

Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement of 19 July 2004

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated 19 July, 2004 for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire 19 August, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 87 as shown in the attached Appendix A.

Remarks

Claims 1, 6 and 87 have been amended to add the word "material" after the word "precursor" to more clearly indicate that the precursor used in the claimed method could simply be a material and need not be limited to a solution. No new matter has been added to the application. Support for this amendment can be found on the last line of page 7 and the first two lines of page 8.

Currently claims 1-33 and 87-98 are pending. Claims 5 and 90-98 are considered withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention as set forth below.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-33 and 87-89, with traverse for the reasons set forth below. Further, Applicant hereby elects the species of claims 2-4, drawn to a method of forming a coating, without traverse.